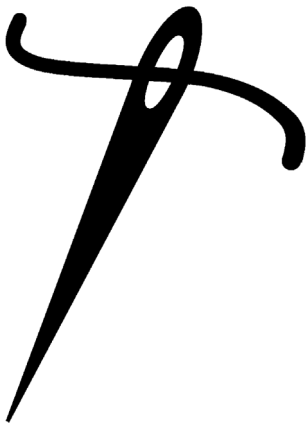


Pentecost 22

October 20, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24 (Year B)

The theme of wealth is a topic that occurs more often in the Scriptures than any other, including prayer, perhaps because God knows what can happen when we put our trust in money rather than in him. Jesus warned his followers that relying on riches rather than on the salvation offered through God is assuredly an exercise in futility. Only God can save us. Followers of Christ are called to trust in his promises.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 5:10–20 **Wealth – Another Vanity**
The Preacher taught that it is not necessarily joyful for a person to have more wealth; it may only bring on more worries. With increased prosperity come more demands from others as well as more to be concerned about protecting. Conversely, a person who labors for his wages is able to sleep well at night and enjoy the gifts of God.

Psalm 119:9–16 **Delight in God’s Commands**
The psalmist asserted that there is more delight in the decrees of the Lord than in wealth. What is to be treasured above all else are the promises of God.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:1–13 (14–16) **The Promise of God’s Rest**
From the days of the Exodus, God commanded people to rest as He did on the seventh day of creation. That promise is still offered through God to his people — that they shall experience true rest. There are distinct reasons that God’s people need to rest, chief among them so that we listen and obey God’s holy word, which is “sharper than any two-edged sword” and exposes our true hearts to the Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:23–31 **All Things are Possible with God**
Jesus taught his followers that it is harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. His point is clear: Wealth prevents trust in the one who brings salvation, but with God all things are possible. Jesus assured his disciples that no one who leaves everything to follow him will be disappointed.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise in Ordinary Time.
- Use the Apostles’ Creed in Ordinary Time.
- Stewardship is one of the hardest things to teach believers, not because of the concept itself, but because of our resistance to it. Emphasize how much God has given us by reminding worshipers of the explanation of the First Article of the Creed in Luther’s Small Catechism.
- Check out Sola’s free Stewardship resources on the store page of the website. You will find a devotion, printable fliers, pledge pages, and a children’s stewardship bulletin.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake	455	---	688	799	---	---
O Master, Let Me Walk with You	492	---	---	818	229	229
Jesus, Still Lead On	341	---	---	624	237	237
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	315	---	700	631	14	14
God’s Word is Our Great Heritage	239	---	582	509	70	70
Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways	480	---	707	772	235	235
O Word of God Incarnate	231	---	523	514	---	web
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service	423	---	848	712	---	---
My Life Flows on in Endless Song	---	781	---	763	253	253
O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee	220	---	632	541	87	87

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

- Praise Song Titles:**
- All Things Are Possible (CCLI# 2245140)
 - Above All (CCLI# 2672885)
 - Found A Love (CCLI# 7174937)
 - Build My Life (CCLI# 7070345)
 - Give Me Jesus (CCLI# 4874344)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.